Meeting Minutes: Governance Committee

Date/Time: May 15, 2023/12:00 p.m. NOON Location: Board Room in District Office Start: 12:00 p.m. End: 12:40 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Nikkie Gullickson (via phone), Seth Holden, Jim Johnson, Robin Nelson, Tracie Newman

Committee Members Absent: none

Non-Committee Members Present: Katie Christensen

Staff Members Present: Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness, Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Jeff McCanna (via phone), Bill Westrick

Recorder: AnnMarie Campbell

Agenda Item	Discussion - Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of April 24 Minutes	The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 24 committee meeting.	The minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Salary Commission Guidance Request	Robin Nelson has been contacted by FEA Vice-President Grant Kraft regarding the salary commission report and working together regarding state funding of K-12 education. During the legislative session, Mr. Kraft sought a joint statement seeking an 8% and 8% increase in each year of the biennium. Discussion occurred on Mr. Kraft's emails to Board Member Nelson on legislative advocacy and Board Member Nelson seeking guidance on recommendation #3 included in the salary commission report of: It is the recommendation of this commission that during both legislative years and non-legislative years, the Board, the Association, Fargo Public Schools Administration and any other entities, work together as a unified front in the effort to ensure that the North Dakota state legislature adequately fund public education and strike down any legislation that would diminish the integrity or assist in the systematic dismantling of public education. The Board and the Association should work with their state-level organizations to support these efforts. Discussion occurred regarding the salary commission report. Per the MOU, the recommendations from the commission are non-binding. Consensus was reached that Chair Newman respond to Mr. Kraft regarding the commission and advocacy work of the Board during legislative session.	Consensus was reached that Chair Newman respond to Mr. Kraft regarding the commission and advocacy work of the Board during legislative session.
Board Work Session	The Board currently has a work session scheduled for Tuesday, June 6. Dr. Gandhi recommends that the date be moved to a fall date, in August or September, so administration can get more information on Long Range Facility Planning prior to the work session. FPS hired SEH to conduct a facility assessment on all district buildings; the information from that assessment is needed for the work session. Discussion occurred. Other items potentially have on a work session agenda would be a discussion of EL-14 and the future need for our mill levy reapproval. Consensus was reached to have AnnMarie Campbell inform Board members the work session needs to be rescheduled and send a Doodle poll for an August date.	Consensus was reached to have AnnMarie Campbell inform Board members the work session needs to be rescheduled and send a Doodle poll for an August date.
Policies A. EL-6 Monitoring	EL-6 was monitored for compliance at the April 25 meeting. Discussion occurred on comments included in the report. Consensus was reached that no changes are currently needed.	

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Agenda Planning for June Meetings	Refer to Agenda planner for Second Quarter 2023 Discussion occurred on the topics needed to be included at the June meetings. The agenda topics were set as follows:		
	 June 13 Pledge of Allegiance Reports: FEA Report; Superintendent Report; Marzano Evaluation System Report Consent: EL-8 & 9 Monitoring; Consolidated Federal Programs Application Business: Health Insurance Premium Recommendation; Assignment of the Canvassing Committee Board Reports: none at this time Potential executive session for negotiations strategy for contract negotiations with the FEA 		
	 June 27 Pledge of Allegiance Reports: FEA Report; Superintendent Report Consent: May Financial Reports Business: Preliminary Budget Approval; R/SI-5: Equitable Resources and Planning Monitoring; 2023-24 Meal Prices Board Reports: none at this time Potential executive session for negotiations strategy for contract negotiations with the FEA 		
The next meeting is set for June 19 at 12:00 p.m. in the Board Room.			